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GROWTH RATE IN TELECOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether considerable growth has been registered in the field of telecommunications during the recent years;

(b) if so, the average annual rate of the said growth during the last three years;

(c) the percentage of annual increase made in capital investment in this sector; and

(d) the annual rate assessed in regard to creation of employment opportunities in this sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The estimated annual growth rate in the Telecom Sector during the last three years viz 2001-02 to 2003-04 is 28.65%.

(c) The investment made by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) during the last three years is as given below.

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	Units	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1	BSNL	17,006	12,057	6536.00
2	MTNL	1033.57	1053.91	965.91
	Total	18039.57	13110.91	7501.91

In addition, a substantial amount of investment is being made by the private sector also to meet the increasing demand for telecom services in the country.

(d) In the telecom sector, employment is generated through Public Call Offices (PCOs), Village Public Telephones (VPTs) and also through the general programme of providing telecom infrastructure like laying of cables, construction of telecom buildings, erection of towers and manufacturing of telecom equipments etc.